

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., August 1, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following minutes:

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held July 10, 2023;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 19, 2023;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held July 19, 2023; and*
4. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held July 25, 2023.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- 1.14. *Consider approving Fall 2023 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – July 1-15, 2023 in the amount of \$139,300.70**
- 2. Approval of Claims – July 2023 in the \$746,457.29**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and Larissa Rossman, E ½ Lot 2, Block 1, Carlson’s 2nd Addition to Eveleth**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and Larissa Rossman, E ½ Lot 2, Block 1, Carlson’s 2nd Addition to Eveleth. Ayes – All.

- 2. Revised position description for Library Clerk**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve revised position description for Library Clerk. Ayes – All.

- 3. Authorize posting in AFSCME and externally if necessary to fill vacant Library Clerk position**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve posting in AFSCME and externally if necessary to fill vacant Library Clerk position. Ayes – All.

- 4. Letter of resignation from Chad Hutkowski, Park & Recreation Worker**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve resignation from Chad Hutkowski, Park & Recreation Worker, effective August 13, 2023 and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City. Ayes – All.

5. Authorize posting in AFSCME and externally if necessary to fill vacant Park & Recreation Worker position and/or other positions as they become available

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize posting in AFSCME and externally if necessary to fill vacant Park & Recreation Worker position and/or other positions as they become available. Ayes – All.

6. Hiring bonus for new patrol officers

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve \$5,000 hiring bonus for new patrol officers to be paid in two installments: 1) After successful completion of field training and 2) After completion of probationary period of one year. Ayes – All.

7. Quote for Phase 2 Fayal Pond Recreational Trail Improvements

The City received the following quotations on July 26, 2023 for Phase 2 of the Fayal Pond Recreational Trail Improvements:

Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.	\$73,495.00
ZEZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp Excavating	\$96,275.00

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept quotation from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$73,495.00 for Fayal Pond Recreational Trail Improvements Phase 2. Ayes – All.

8. Pay Application No. 1 for City Hall roof from Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$85,629.20

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Application No. 1 for City Hall roof repair from Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$85,629.20. Ayes – All.

9. Pay Request No. 1/final for City Hall landscaping from Bloomers Garden Center & Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$30,175.00

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 1/final for City Hall landscaping from Bloomers Garden Center & Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$30,175.00. Ayes – All.

10. Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$18,389.00

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$18,389.00. Ayes – All.

11. Authorize Director of Public Works to purchase one (1) Roots blower for the wastewater treatment plant

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize Director of Public Works to purchase one (1) Roots blower for the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$10,656.00 plus oil, tax and freight. Ayes – All.

12. Joint Powers Agreement between City of Eveleth and East Range Public Safety Board

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Eveleth and East Range Public Safety Board. Ayes – All.

The joint powers agreement is the same agreement Eveleth currently has with the City of Gilbert. This would allow the Eveleth Police Department and the East Range Police Department to utilize officers from both departments in the event they are unable to fill their own shifts.

13. Resolution Accepting Donation for Police Department

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2023-21, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Police Department” and to send a letter of thanks to the American Slovenian Catholic Union #59 for their donation in the amount of \$150.00. Ayes – All.

14. Consider approving Fall 2023 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Fall 2023 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule. Ayes – All.

The City will accept trash and rubbish for disposal at the City Garage from September 18 to September 29, 2023. Yard waste will be picked up in alleys beginning October 9, 2023.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlaisavljevich indicated the City received an email from the school indicating they would be interested in utilizing the Hippodrome for five (5) boys hockey games and five (5) girls hockey games. Vlaisavljevich would like to send the Rock Ridge School Board a letter from the City Council indicating the City of Eveleth would like to enter into a five year agreement with the school regarding the Hippodrome.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to send the Rock Ridge School Board a letter requesting a five (5) year contract with the Rock Ridge School District for hockey ice time at the Eveleth Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that St. Louis County is still in the alignment development stage for Progress Parkway. They hope to have a proposed route ready later in August or September. VEEDA approved to hire Mesabi Bituminous to fix the road in Progress Parkway heading up towards the school. The overlay should be done in the next few days.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.